Table 43

Arrests

by Race, 2009

[12,371 agencies; 2009 estimated population 239,839,971]

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Offense charged	Total arrests					Percent distribution[1]				
	Total	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Total	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
TOTAL	**10,690,561**	**7,389,208**	**3,027,153**	**150,544**	**123,656**	**100.0**	**69.1**	**28.3**	**1.4**	**1.2**
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	9,739	4,741	4,801	100	97	100.0	48.7	49.3	1.0	1.0
Forcible rape	16,362	10,644	5,319	169	230	100.0	65.1	32.5	1.0	1.4
Robbery	100,496	43,039	55,742	726	989	100.0	42.8	55.5	0.7	1.0
Aggravated assault	330,368	209,922	111,904	4,613	3,929	100.0	63.5	33.9	1.4	1.2
Burglary	234,551	155,994	74,419	2,021	2,117	100.0	66.5	31.7	0.9	0.9
Larceny-theft	1,056,473	719,983	306,625	14,646	15,219	100.0	68.1	29.0	1.4	1.4
Motor vehicle theft	63,919	39,077	23,184	817	841	100.0	61.1	36.3	1.3	1.3
Arson	9,466	7,085	2,154	115	112	100.0	74.8	22.8	1.2	1.2
Violent crime[2]	456,965	268,346	177,766	5,608	5,245	100.0	58.7	38.9	1.2	1.1
Property crime[2]	1,364,409	922,139	406,382	17,599	18,289	100.0	67.6	29.8	1.3	1.3
Other assaults	1,032,502	672,865	332,435	15,127	12,075	100.0	65.2	32.2	1.5	1.2
Forgery and counterfeiting	67,054	44,730	21,251	345	728	100.0	66.7	31.7	0.5	1.1
Fraud	161,233	108,032	50,367	1,315	1,519	100.0	67.0	31.2	0.8	0.9
Embezzlement	13,960	9,208	4,429	75	248	100.0	66.0	31.7	0.5	1.8
Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing	82,714	51,953	29,357	662	742	100.0	62.8	35.5	0.8	0.9

Vandalism	212,173	157,723	48,746	3,352	2,352	100.0	74.3	23.0	1.6	1.1
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	130,503	74,942	53,441	951	1,169	100.0	57.4	41.0	0.7	0.9
Prostitution and commercialized vice	56,560	31,699	23,021	427	1,413	100.0	56.0	40.7	0.8	2.5
Sex offenses (except forcible rape and prostitution)	60,175	44,240	14,347	715	873	100.0	73.5	23.8	1.2	1.5
Drug abuse violations	1,301,629	845,974	437,623	8,588	9,444	100.0	65.0	33.6	0.7	0.7
Gambling	8,046	2,290	5,518	27	211	100.0	28.5	68.6	0.3	2.6
Offenses against the family and children	87,232	58,068	26,850	1,690	624	100.0	66.6	30.8	1.9	0.7
Driving under the influence	1,105,401	954,444	121,594	14,903	14,460	100.0	86.3	11.0	1.3	1.3
Liquor laws	444,087	373,189	50,431	14,876	5,591	100.0	84.0	11.4	3.3	1.3
Drunkenness	469,958	387,542	71,020	8,552	2,844	100.0	82.5	15.1	1.8	0.6
Disorderly conduct	515,689	326,563	176,169	8,783	4,174	100.0	63.3	34.2	1.7	0.8
Vagrancy	26,347	14,581	11,031	543	192	100.0	55.3	41.9	2.1	0.7
All other offenses (except traffic)	2,929,217	1,937,221	911,670	43,880	36,446	100.0	66.1	31.1	1.5	1.2
Suspicion	1,513	677	828	1	7	100.0	44.7	54.7	0.1	0.5
Curfew and loitering law violations	89,578	54,439	33,207	872	1,060	100.0	60.8	37.1	1.0	1.2
Runaways	73,616	48,343	19,670	1,653	3,950	100.0	65.7	26.7	2.2	5.4

	Arrests under 18					**Percent distribution[1]**				
Offense charged	**Total**	**White**	**Black**	**American Indian or Alaskan Native**	**Asian or Pacific Islander**	**Total**	**White**	**Black**	**American Indian or Alaskan Native**	**Asian or Pacific Islander**
TOTAL	**1,508,550**	**993,428**	**472,929**	**18,766**	**23,427**	**100.0**	**65.9**	**31.3**	**1.2**	**1.6**
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	941	380	546	8	7	100.0	40.4	58.0	0.9	0.7
Forcible rape	2,368	1,501	818	19	30	100.0	63.4	34.5	0.8	1.3
Robbery	25,226	7,854	16,968	112	292	100.0	31.1	67.3	0.4	1.2
Aggravated assault	39,341	21,790	16,694	394	463	100.0	55.4	42.4	1.0	1.2
Burglary	59,237	36,073	22,082	511	571	100.0	60.9	37.3	0.9	1.0
Larceny-theft	253,467	164,701	80,670	3,148	4,948	100.0	65.0	31.8	1.2	2.0
Motor vehicle theft	15,664	8,452	6,765	234	213	100.0	54.0	43.2	1.5	1.4
Arson	4,203	3,222	865	56	60	100.0	76.7	20.6	1.3	1.4
Violent crime[2]	67,876	31,525	35,026	533	792	100.0	46.4	51.6	0.8	1.2

Property crime2	332,571	212,448	110,382	3,949	5,792	100.0	63.9	33.2	1.2	1.7
Other assaults	172,000	100,872	67,420	1,849	1,859	100.0	58.6	39.2	1.1	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting	1,687	1,120	543	9	15	100.0	66.4	32.2	0.5	0.9
Fraud	4,980	3,083	1,793	55	49	100.0	61.9	36.0	1.1	1.0
Embezzlement	481	307	160	1	13	100.0	63.8	33.3	0.2	2.7
Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing	14,831	8,104	6,461	117	149	100.0	54.6	43.6	0.8	1.0
Vandalism	71,158	55,801	13,683	845	829	100.0	78.4	19.2	1.2	1.2
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	26,666	16,190	9,938	210	328	100.0	60.7	37.3	0.8	1.2
Prostitution and commercialized vice	1,072	426	626	4	16	100.0	39.7	58.4	0.4	1.5
Sex offenses (except forcible rape and prostitution)	10,494	7,468	2,788	89	149	100.0	71.2	26.6	0.8	1.4
Drug abuse violations	134,207	97,232	34,295	1,212	1,468	100.0	72.4	25.6	0.9	1.1
Gambling	1,395	95	1,293	0	7	100.0	6.8	92.7	0.0	0.5
Offenses against the family and children	3,576	2,642	870	48	16	100.0	73.9	24.3	1.3	0.4
Driving under the influence	10,629	9,774	541	191	123	100.0	92.0	5.1	1.8	1.2
Liquor laws	87,811	78,540	5,439	2,704	1,128	100.0	89.4	6.2	3.1	1.3
Drunkenness	11,067	9,799	966	210	92	100.0	88.5	8.7	1.9	0.8
Disorderly conduct	133,674	75,946	55,295	1,362	1,071	100.0	56.8	41.4	1.0	0.8
Vagrancy	2,151	1,539	588	9	15	100.0	71.5	27.3	0.4	0.7
All other offenses (except traffic)	256,855	177,661	71,845	2,844	4,505	100.0	69.2	28.0	1.1	1.8
Suspicion	175	74	100	0	1	100.0	42.3	57.1	0.0	0.6
Curfew and loitering law violations	89,578	54,439	33,207	872	1,060	100.0	60.8	37.1	1.0	1.2
Runaways	73,616	48,343	19,670	1,653	3,950	100.0	65.7	26.7	2.2	5.4

	Arrests 18 and over					Percent distribution[1]				
Offense charged	Total	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander	Total	White	Black	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Asian or Pacific Islander
TOTAL	**9,182,011**	**6,395,780**	**2,554,224**	**131,778**	**100,229**	**100.0**	**69.7**	**27.8**	**1.4**	**1.1**
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	8,798	4,361	4,255	92	90	100.0	49.6	48.4	1.0	1.0
Forcible rape	13,994	9,143	4,501	150	200	100.0	65.3	32.2	1.1	1.4
Robbery	75,270	35,185	38,774	614	697	100.0	46.7	51.5	0.8	0.9

Aggravated assault	291,027	188,132	95,210	4,219	3,466	100.0	64.6	32.7	1.4	1.2
Burglary	175,314	119,921	52,337	1,510	1,546	100.0	68.4	29.9	0.9	0.9
Larceny-theft	803,006	555,282	225,955	11,498	10,271	100.0	69.2	28.1	1.4	1.3
Motor vehicle theft	48,255	30,625	16,419	583	628	100.0	63.5	34.0	1.2	1.3
Arson	5,263	3,863	1,289	59	52	100.0	73.4	24.5	1.1	1.0
Violent crime[2]	389,089	236,821	142,740	5,075	4,453	100.0	60.9	36.7	1.3	1.1
Property crime[2]	1,031,838	709,691	296,000	13,650	12,497	100.0	68.8	28.7	1.3	1.2
Other assaults	860,502	571,993	265,015	13,278	10,216	100.0	66.5	30.8	1.5	1.2
Forgery and counterfeiting	65,367	43,610	20,708	336	713	100.0	66.7	31.7	0.5	1.1
Fraud	156,253	104,949	48,574	1,260	1,470	100.0	67.2	31.1	0.8	0.9
Embezzlement	13,479	8,901	4,269	74	235	100.0	66.0	31.7	0.5	1.7
Stolen property; buying, receiving, possessing	67,883	43,849	22,896	545	593	100.0	64.6	33.7	0.8	0.9
Vandalism	141,015	101,922	35,063	2,507	1,523	100.0	72.3	24.9	1.8	1.1
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	103,837	58,752	43,503	741	841	100.0	56.6	41.9	0.7	0.8
Prostitution and commercialized vice	55,488	31,273	22,395	423	1,397	100.0	56.4	40.4	0.8	2.5
Sex offenses (except forcible rape and prostitution)	49,681	36,772	11,559	626	724	100.0	74.0	23.3	1.3	1.5
Drug abuse violations	1,167,422	748,742	403,328	7,376	7,976	100.0	64.1	34.5	0.6	0.7
Gambling	6,651	2,195	4,225	27	204	100.0	33.0	63.5	0.4	3.1
Offenses against the family and children	83,656	55,426	25,980	1,642	608	100.0	66.3	31.1	2.0	0.7
Driving under the influence	1,094,772	944,670	121,053	14,712	14,337	100.0	86.3	11.1	1.3	1.3
Liquor laws	356,276	294,649	44,992	12,172	4,463	100.0	82.7	12.6	3.4	1.3
Drunkenness	458,891	377,743	70,054	8,342	2,752	100.0	82.3	15.3	1.8	0.6
Disorderly conduct	382,015	250,617	120,874	7,421	3,103	100.0	65.6	31.6	1.9	0.8
Vagrancy	24,196	13,042	10,443	534	177	100.0	53.9	43.2	2.2	0.7
All other offenses (except traffic)	2,672,362	1,759,560	839,825	41,036	31,941	100.0	65.8	31.4	1.5	1.2
Suspicion	1,338	603	728	1	6	100.0	45.1	54.4	0.1	0.4
Curfew and loitering law violations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Runaways	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Because of rounding, the percentages may not add to 100.0.

[2] Violent crimes are offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes are offenses of burglary, larceny- theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

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Data Declaration

Provides the methodology used in constructing this table and other pertinent information about this table.

Overview

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- In 2009, 69.1 percent of all individuals arrested were white, 28.3 percent were black, and 2.6 percent were of other races.
- Of all juveniles (individuals under the age of 18) arrested in 2009 in the Nation, 65.9 percent were white, 31.3 percent were black, and 2.8 percent were of other races.
- Nearly 70 percent (69.7) of all adults arrested in 2009 were white, 27.8 percent were black, and 2.5 percent were of other races.
- White individuals were more often arrested for violent crimes than individuals of any other race, accounting for 58.7 percent of those arrests.
- The percentages of adult white and black arrestees for murder were similar, with 49.6 percent being white, and 48.4 percent being black.
- Black juveniles accounted for 51.6 percent of juvenile arrests for violent crimes.
- For property crime, white juveniles accounted for 63.9 percent of juvenile arrestees.
- Of juvenile arrestees charged with driving under the influence, most were white (92.0 percent).
- White juveniles accounted for 76.7 percent of juveniles arrested for arson in 2009.